

Weekly Views

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It's not too late to register for the upcoming Indiana Criminal Justice Association (ICJA) Fall Conference! The conference is being held at the Crown Plaza in historic Union Station from October 3 – 5, 2012. The registration form can be found on ICJA's website at www.indianacriminaljusticeassociation.org. You can also follow them on Twitter at www.twitter.com/ICJA2012.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Superintendent Keith Butts met with a group of offenders to say his good-byes and to express his thanks for their support during his tenure as Superintendent. The offenders that participated in the meeting represented several of the facility's programs to include the PLUS Program, the American Legion Organization, the Community Outreach Forum, and members

of the facility's Religious Services Band and Choir. The offenders expressed their sincere appreciation to Superintendent Butts for being afforded the opportunity to participate in these programs, and Superintendent Butts encouraged the offenders to "continue on the track they are on" and to continue "being about the right thing". Superintendent Butts will be retiring from the Indiana Department of Correction and will become the new Superintendent at the New Castle Correctional Facility.

IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon presented U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship certificates to 142 offenders at the Correctional Industrial Facility. "PEN Products and the Department of Correction continue in its innovative efforts to prepare offenders with job skills for a successful re-entry. These offenders will have a greater chance of finding employment after release and inspire other offenders to work hard on the inside for success on the outside," says Commissioner. Commissioner Lemmon also spoke to the graduates and their visitors at the graduation. The offenders have completed their On-the-Job Training and required class work while working in jobs such as PEN/Meritor Brake-Shop, maintenance, laundry services, FIDO program and the Barbershop.

Miami Correctional Facility facilitated an offender interview with E! Network for a special program called "Teens that Kill". The network interviewed Offender Andrew Conley, who was convicted of killing his 10-year-old brother when he was 17-years-old. The special is focusing on interviewing the families and loved ones of those killed and the teen perpetrators behind bars. In addition, the show will also feature interviews with psychologists, law enforcement, prosecutors and defense attorneys.

Eleven members of the West Vigo Lions Club toured the Rockville Correctional Facility Lions Eyeglass Operation. They brought a donation of glasses to the facility as well. While at the facility, they learned how the offenders repair the glasses and process, pack and prepare them for distribution to third world countries.

Criminology students from Ivy Tech Community College toured the Putnamville Correctional Facility. The visitors, who observed facility operations and programs, were very complimentary of the cleanliness of the facility, professionalism of staff and diversity of programs available to the offender population.

Reception Diagnostic Center (RDC) Superintendent Jim Wynn is pleased to announce that Guy Rosebery has been promoted to Captain. Captain Rosebery began his career at RDC in 1993. Congratulations Captain Rosebery!

Jason Irvine has been promoted to Correctional Lieutenant at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility. He began his career in June of 2001 as a Correctional Officer and advanced to Correctional Sergeant in February of 2008. Irvine is the recipient of numerous Commendation and Appreciation Letters. He joined the facility SITCON team in May of 2003 and currently oversees the facility operation. Lieutenant Irvine has been assigned to the evening shift as Assistant Shift Supervisor, overseeing 90 custody staff.

Twenty-one New Castle Correctional Facility (NCCF) staff and 12 NCCF offenders participated in the Henry County United Fund's Day of Caring. There were over 650 volunteers this year.

Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility raised money through pizza and Subway sales and donated the proceeds to the Indiana Coalition against Domestic Violence and the Boomerang Backpack Program.

Stepping Stones ministry, an Amish community from Oden, IN, held a cook-out and worship service at the Indiana Women's Prison. Stepping Stones served approximately 675 inmates and employees hamburgers, hot dogs, homemade potato salad, and freshly baked pies. During the outdoor picnic, volunteers played a variety of songs on their fiddles and guitars. Prior to the meal, 143 inmates attended a Stepping Stones General Christian worship service with stringed instrumental music, preaching, and prayer.

The Indiana State Prison (ISP) successfully completed year one of the ACA Audit. There are a total of 61 Mandatory Standards, 59 of which were applicable to ISP. ISP was found in 100% compliance with Mandatory Standards. There are also a total of 468 Non-Mandatory Standards; 451 were applicable to ISP. ISP received a score of 98.89%. Thank you to the staff at the Indiana State Prison for their hard work and dedication in completing this task.

Westville Correctional Facility Superintendent Mark Levenhagen announced the appointment of three new case workers. Previous Correctional Officers, Allison Baker, Kelly Mackey and Jessica Linscott are a welcome addition to the facility's re-entry team. Congratulations all!